



AROUND TOWN

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K-9

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The following are selected police related incidents that the Hermantown Police Department has responded to between 04/25/10 to 05/01/10

Disturbances / Domestics / Assaults:

On 05/01/10 just after 11 p.m., Officer Hansen received the report of loud music and yelling by new neighbors. Officers found a gathering of four people and advised one of the residents, a 27-year-old male, of the noise complaint. He apologized and stated he did not want to make the neighbors mad.

Traffic:

Just after 3 a.m. on 04/25/10, Officer Pfeiffer observed a vehicle stopped in the driving lane on Stebner Road. The 18-year-old driver stated he had just dropped his girlfriend off at her house and had stopped to untangle his earphones. He was advised to find a better place to stop.

On 04/26/10 at 3:35 p.m., Officer Volk responded to provide traffic control for a 20-year-old male driver whose vehicle had stalled in the left turn lane at Miller Trunk Highway and Stebner Road. The driver had a private tow on the way.

Accidents:

On 04/26/10, just before 8 p.m.,

Officer Battaglia responded to the Walmart parking lot on the report of a one-car accident. The driver of the vehicle, a 43-year-old female, stated that she had been turning in the parking lot and the sun was directly in her eyes so she couldn't see. Her vehicle hit a light pole head-on. She stated that she and her passengers, a 13-year-old and a 3-year-old, were not injured. There was no apparently damage to the light pole.

Theft / Burglary / Shoplifting:

At 2:51 p.m. on 04/27/10, Officer Volk responded to Walmart on the report of a female shoplifter. The 20-year-old woman was observed selecting hair accessories and makeup and concealing them in her purse. She was issued a citation for theft.



On 04/28/10 at 4:47 p.m., a 20-year-old female reported that her purse was stolen from the front passenger seat of her vehicle, which was parked at a local restaurant. Officer Wick responded and used his K9 to attempt a track of the suspect from the vehicle.

At 4:50 p.m. on 05/01/10, Sgt. Gunderson was dispatched to the report of a theft of a purse from a motor vehicle. The victim, a 27-year-old female, indicated that she had grabbed her wallet from her purse, which was laying on the passenger seat of her vehicle, and ran inside the gas station to make a purchase. There was a male that left the gas station just a few moments after she went inside, and he was leaving in his vehicle when she returned to her car. The victim suspected the male of taking her purse; however, review of the surveillance video indicates the male did not go near the victim's car.

Miscellaneous:

On 04/26/10 between 8:19 a.m. and 8:41 a.m., Officer Volk received reports of road hazards. There was a tree in the driving lane on Park Drive and a bag of garbage on Air Base Road near Swan Lake. Officer Volk removed the hazards.

Officer Volk was advised at 3 p.m. on 04/26/10 of a male in a wheelchair that was holding up traffic on southbound Haines Road. Officer Volk had a similar call in the days prior to this and she believed it was the same individual, even though he was not in the area by the time she responded on 04/26/10. Construction on the sidewalk in the area made it not wheelchair accessible and the male was advised to use the sidewalk when possible and, when not, to stay as far to the side of the road as he could.

At 12:30 p.m. on 04/27/10, Officer Volk was advised of a truck that had been parked in a handicapped

parking spot since at least 5 a.m. Officer Volk left a citation for the owner for handicapped parking violation and advised the restaurant they can tow the vehicle from their private property if they wish.

On 04/27/10, Officer Vedder received the report of possible criminal sexual conduct between a 5-year-old and a 48-year-old. Upon completion of the investigation, no charges were filed.

On 04/27/10, Officer Volk received a call from a 57-year-old female, who stated she had been searching for jobs online recently. One company had sent her a check, told her to take 10% of the check for herself, and wire the rest back. The female was advised this is a scam.

Also on 04/27/10, Officer Volk received a call regarding a suspicious check from Reader's Digest received by a 44-year-old resident. He stated it looked just like a payroll check and appeared to be real. He attempted to deposit the check into his savings account. Over several days, the man received phone calls from "Reader's Digest" about the check he had received. The woman on the phone indicated he had won a grand prize and he needed to wire the money from the check back to them and he would receive his grand prize money. He was advised this is a scam and to not wire any money.

